

REMARKS

Claims 14-18

By the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, the Examiner has rejected claims 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable.

Applicants have cancelled claims 14-18.

Claims 19-21 and 25-27

Applicants acknowledge that claims 19-21 and 25-27 are allowed.

Conclusion

It is therefore clear that claims 19-21 and 25-27 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. . The application is therefore in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended. In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

Respectfully Submitted,



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